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President: Mr. Han Seung-soo ..... (Republic of Korea)

In the absence of the President, Mr. Loizaga (Paraguay), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.40 a.m.

Announcement regarding the results of the election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees

The Acting President (spoke in Spanish): I should like to inform members that the following representatives have been elected Chairmen of the six Main Committees of the Assembly for the fifty-seventh session and are accordingly members of the General Committee for that session:

First Committee, Mr. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka (Uganda);

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), Mr. Graham Maitland (South Africa);

Second Committee, Mr. Marco Antonio Suazo Fernández (Honduras);

Third Committee, Mr. Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein);

Fifth Committee, Mr. Murari Raj Sharma (Nepal); and

Sixth Committee, Mr. Arpad Prandler (Hungary).

I congratulate the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the Assembly for the fifty-seventh session on their election.

Agenda item 6 (*continued*)

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

The Acting President (*spoke in Spanish*): In accordance with resolution 56/509, adopted by the General Assembly at its 106th plenary meeting, we shall now proceed to the election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly for the fifty-seventh session.

All members of the General Assembly are eligible in this election except those already represented in the General Committee, namely those countries whose representatives have been elected to the presidency of the General Assembly or to the chairmanships of the Main Committees for the fifty-seventh session.

In accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138, the 21 Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly for its fifty-seventh session shall be elected according to the following pattern: six representatives from African States; five representatives from Asian States; three representatives from Latin American and Caribbean States; two representatives from Western European and other States; and representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

In accordance with paragraph 16 of annex VI to the rules of procedure, the election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly by secret ballot will be dispensed with when the number of candidates

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corresponds to the number of seats to be filled. We shall proceed accordingly.

I shall now read out the names of the endorsed candidates.

African States: Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Swaziland and Togo.

Asian States: Bahrain, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Qatar and Viet Nam.

Latin American and Caribbean States: Barbados, Ecuador and Mexico.

Western European and other States: Austria and Portugal.

Since the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in each region, I declare those candidates elected, in addition to the representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

The following States have thus been elected to vice-presidencies of the General Assembly for the fifty-seventh session: Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Chad, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, the Gambia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Portugal, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Swaziland, Togo, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Viet Nam.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the States which have been elected Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly for the fifty-seventh session.

With the Chairmen of the six Main Committees and the 21 Vice-Presidents elected for the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, the General Committee for the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly has now been fully constituted in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure.

The meeting rose at 10.50 a.m.